SENATE BILL 1825

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to assuring adequate provider access in the provider networks of TennCare managed care organizations and contractors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-131(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as subdivision (2):

(2) Due to the vulnerability of children in the medical assistance population, in conducting the annual review required by subdivision (1), the commissioner shall require that an organization contracting with the state in the TennCare program must demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the organization maintains an adequate provider network for services to children.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.